[Translation]

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : The question is regarding doubling of Rail lines but I think that the Hon'ble Member is enquiring about a new line.

SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the Hon'ble Minister as to whether the Govt. propose to convert the Rail Line in Gaya Kayool Railway Section in Bihar into double track line. Hon'ble Minister had given an assurance in his budget speech to provide a double track on Gaya Patna Line, however no work has been started there as yet. I would like to know from the Government whether there is any proposal regarding doubling of Gaya-Kayool line?

SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far as the question of doubling of Gaya-Kayool line is concerned, I will send the requisite information to the Hon'ble Member so far as Patna-Gaya line is concerned we have already inaugurated this conversion project. Hon'ble Members, Shri Ram Kripal Yadav and Shri Ramashraya Prasad Singh are present in the House and they are aware that we have started working on this project after inaugurating this line.

On going Railway Projects

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103. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the details of the ongoing railway projects funded by the foreign financial institutions, alongwith their estimated cost,

(b) the total amount received by the Government for each of these projects,

(c) whether the Government have utilised the above amount,

(d) if not, whether the Government have paid commitment charges to the external institutions; and

(e) if so, the total amount paid by the Government in this regard?

[English]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

(a) to (e). The details of the on-going projects being funded by the external institutions are as under :

S. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost	Funding Agency	Loan/Aid Component	Amount Utilised	Commitment Charges Paid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Ist Railway Project-Loan No.857 IND Procurement of High Horse Power Freight Locos, with upgradation of Railway facility and equipment.	US $ 442.00 million	Asian Development Bank	US $ 190.00 million	US $ 136.12 million	US $ 8.957 million
2.	Procurement of High Horse Power Passenger Locos and substation facilities	Included in Project above.	EXIM Bank, Japan	US $ 110.0 million	US $ 102.30 million	Rs.2.08 crores
3.	IInd Railway Project-Loan No. 1140-IND Electrification of Patratu-Sonnagar and 3rd line between Sonnagar-Mughalsarai etc.	US $ 500.00 million	Asian Development Bank.	US $ 107.70 million	US $ 42.39 million	US $ 1.89 million
4.	Construction of Broad Gauge line between Koraput-Rayagada	Rs.442.32 crores	Saudi Fund	Saudi Riyal 88.0 million	Saudi Riyal 62 million	Nil
5.	Procurement of Rails etc.	33.00 million U.K. Pounds	U.K. Grant	33.00 million U.K. Pounds	30.67 million U.K. Pounds	Nil

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6.	Design, manufacture, etc. commissioning of Continuous Automatic Train Control (CATC) system.	FF 56.295 million + Rs 2.30 crore	French credit	FF56.295 million	FF 50.872 million	Nil

[Translation]

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Hon'ble Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to put my first supplementary question to Hon'ble Minister. Hon'ble Minister has stated in his reply that maximum funds have been made available for First, Second Railway project and for other four project. Through you, I would like to ask Hon'ble Minister that if maximum amount has been spent, what is the actual progress made in these projects, what are the benefits likely to accure to the Railways and to what extent the passengers amenities will be increased? Whether any arrangements have been made to monitor the implementation of this project from time to time?

SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ : Mr. Speaker, Sir, arrangements have been made for procuring new engines, transfer of technology, Railway upgradation and for procuring equipments for the projects for which loans have been taken from foreign countries. This will help our trains run faster which would benefit passengers. The Indian Railways has entered into this contract to facilitate the passengers and freight movement.

SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI : Hon'ble Mr. Speaker, Sir, the reply has been given in respect of 6 project. Besides, I would like to know from Hon'ble Minister that he has mentioned financing of other projects through foreign financial agencies. Whether the Government propose to include new projects in its agenda by getting them funded by foreign financial agencies? If so, whether the Government propose to take up some special projects of North Eastern states including Bihar and Bengal.

SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ : Right now no new project has been submitted to the Government Whenever such a project is submitted, the Ministry would take it up for consideration.

[English]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, there are a number of projects which have been undertaken with foreign assistance. Now, there is a system that when a project is sanctioned, the internal rate of return is to be 14 percent. Has that aspect been taken care of in regard to those projects which have been sanctioned and undertaken with foreign assistance? Are all these projects economically viable or not?

[Translation]

SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ : Mr. Speaker, Sir, sometimes there is delay in the process of finalization of the projects taken up by us. Right now I do not have the information regarding the projects about which Hon'ble Minister is enquiring. I will inform the Hon'ble Member in this regard.

[English]

Rehabilitation of Repatriates from UAE

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*104. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of repatriates sent back to India from Gulf and other countries, country-wise;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any Schemes/Central Fund for their rehabilitation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether they are allowed to re-enter in the Gulf countries on the same passport?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Recently, about 60,000 persons returned from the United Arab Emirates under an amnesty scheme of the UAE Government, for departure of illegal foreigners staying in the UAE without valid permits. In the recent past, there has been no major exodous of Indian nationals from other countries. However, from time to time some Indians living abroad without valid travel documents and visas have been expelled from Gulf and other countries. Country-wise details are presently not available.

No scheme/Central Fund has been formulated/set-up by the Government for rehabilitation of these repatriates.

With the announcement of amnesty, it was also announced by the Government of UAE that expatriates who will be availing amnesty will be allowed to re-enter UAE on legal status. However, as per immigration